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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 71/141 of 13 December 2016, in which it took note of the draft articles on the protection of persons in the event of disasters adopted by the International Law Commission at its sixty-eighth session,[1]

Recalling also that the Commission decided to recommend to the General Assembly the elaboration of a convention on the basis of the draft articles,[2]

Noting with concern the increasing number of disasters in the world, as well as their intensity and impact on affected populations,

Emphasizing the continuing importance of the codification and progressive development of international law, as referred to in Article 13, paragraph 1 (*a*), of the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting that the subject of the protection of persons in the event of disasters is of major importance in the relations of States,

1. *Takes note* of the views and comments expressed in the debates of the Sixth Committee at the seventy-third session of the General Assembly on this topic,[3] as well as the comments and observations received from Governments[4] on the draft articles and on any future action thereon;

2. *Also takes note* of the draft articles on the protection of persons in the event of disasters;[1]

3. *Brings to the attention* of States the recommendation by the International Law Commission that a convention[2] be elaborated on the basis of the draft articles,

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-first Session, Supplement No. 10* (A/71/10), para. 48.
[2] Ibid., para. 46.
[3] See A/C.6/73/SR.28.
[4] See A/73/229.

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and requests the Secretary-General to invite Governments that have not yet done so to submit comments thereon;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-fifth session an item entitled "Protection of persons in the event of disasters".